



Commission on Child Care Meeting Summary July 19, 2017

Members Present: Lindsey Allard Agnamba, Barbara Andrews, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, Hashan Chowdhury, Carl Eggleston, Diana Holzberger, Yvonne Iscandari, Jessica Kelley, Ed Krauze, Sybil Philip, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Claudia Simmons, Greg Smith, Dr. Mayme Williams and Lara Woodruff

Members Absent: Michelle Belski, L'Ornya Bowie, Pamela Dunn, Lynn Sobolov and Greg Stevens

Guests Present: Williams Polman (CUPF) and Kareem Davis (CUPF)

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Greg Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes: Review of meeting minutes from June 21, 2017

ACTION: Meeting minutes were approved with no changes—Motion: Diana Holzberger; Second: Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta; all in favor

Review and Vote of Proposed Priorities

Priority One: Outreach to the community and alignment with other groups who support access to high-quality and affordable child care in Montgomery County

Priority Two: Engagement with the Montgomery County Early Care and Education Strategic Plan 2017, as a framework for a birth to five system of care.

ACTION: A motion was made by Lindsey Allard-Agnamba to accept the two priorities as written; motion was seconded by Diana Holzberger; all in favor

Chair/Vice Chair Quarterly meeting with HHS Director Feedback

- Ed Krauze attended the meeting (6/26/17) and provided feedback about candidate forums
- BCC cannot hold a candidate forum
- If candidate wants to speak at a BCC meeting, must be conducted during general public comment portion; and all candidates must have the opportunity to speak during general public comment portion of meeting.

Other Business

- County Council ED/HHS Committee met on 7-18-17: MCER 6-17: Extend sunset until July 31, 2019; adopted a few changes in the regulation William Polman (CUPF) shared some updates on the audit and stated that 8 of the 10 recommendations have been completed

Updates

- **OCC** (Carl Eggleston)
 - Inform families/parents they need to speak directly with the contact on the registration when inquiring about child care
 - Changes in MSDE after tragedy in Baltimore Co.; Carl's new acting director is Elizabeth Kelley
 - New regulations may not be released until 2018
- **WPA/Subsidy** (Yvonne Iscandari)
 - WPA received \$2 million in funding
 - Notices have been sent to families on the wait list. The deadline to apply is June 23, 2017. If families do not respond, notice is given to the next families on the list.
- **Early Childhood Coordinating Council** (Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta)
 - Continuation of May retreat: members met in small groups to discuss possible priorities for the year.
 - Early Care and Education Strategic Plan
 - Alignment and unity with other groups
 - Ready to Learn concept (transitions to kindergarten)

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.